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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

June 25, 2009

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Rm 209

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1. **Newton Centre Playground Bowen Street-RDA** – Parks & Recreation requests to construct an accessible asphalt path between Bowen Street and the footpath across a tributary to Hammond Brook in riverfront, and partly in buffer to bank and flood zone.
2. **46 Heatherland RDA** – Continued - request for fence and compensatory storage in flood zone.
3. **45 Harwich Road** – owner has DOA for work – wants to add deck in buffer to BVW without additional filing
4. **OOC Extension –Kessler Woods subdivision – Kessler Way and portions of Harwich Road – requests 3-yr extension, and Michael Pierce separately requests extension for Lots 3, 4, and 6**
5. **Management Plan for Conservation Areas - Anne**

Violations –

***76 Webster Park – Habitat – utility poles in CR area** – Habitat requests to remove and put lines underground in driveway, and wants sign-off on Certificate of Occupancy – Planning personnel are suggesting we will sign off with posting of bond to cover cost of unfinished work.

-Updates

***394 Boylston St.** –lawn area and shrubs growing – owner requests release from EO

***19 Hargrave Circle** –As-built from Joe Porter

***11 Hargrave Circle**- As-built from Joe Porter

***160 Pine St.** – Gazebo -wall built; installation of drainage pipe & final re-stabilization remains. They want the CC to lift the EO.

***33 Verndale Rd.** - Report on site visit to check removal of 'debris' in flood zone – recommend no further action.

35 Kingswood Road – alteration of bank of Charles – restoration area planted with 20 new lowbush blueberry bushes.

Houghton Garden – paint violation – Vice-Chair sent letter to B.C. students in response to last communication.

15 Harwich Rd –Violation –Have asked DEP to assist.

1203&1211 Washington St.

93 Andrew St.

3 Fuller Ave.

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**Certificates of Compliance** (*needs action)

Mason Rice Playground improvements request for COC - OOC has expired, and there is no money for engineering services for as-built plan or letter that they are in compliance –OOC NOT recorded.

Kessler Woods Development: Which subset of the conditions will be required to issue partial COC for house lots?

***Lot 7 Kessler Woods-** Have received as-built plans showing minor changes –in plants and some rocks added out of riverfront area.

*** MWRA-Kessler Woods request for COC** – as-built plans submitted

***90 Wayne Road** – Have received as-built plans.

15 Marla Circle-mitigation plantings need to be re-planted, area documented, and MWRA easement clarified

1676 Commonwealth – needs as-built plans

11-19 Hargrove Circle – OOC expired in 2006. Recently contacted both owners; sites need as-built showing grades, area and layout of plantings, planting list, and a final site visit & approval of plantings Both owners say they will comply this spring.

Announcements & General Business:

Performance Bond/Surety for work left undone – DRAFT wording in packet

Open Space Plan – considerations and member to work on committee and with Conservators?

Nahanton Woods – Judy– report on meeting.

April 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes for approval

Outstanding issues – discussion

Non-criminal ticketing – update — Q: Does the Commission wish to ticket under the Watershed/Flood Zone only?

Other

Anne Phelps, Sr. Environmental Planner

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